CHRISTIAN PANDITS OTHER THAN ROMAN CATHOLICS.

49. **C. V. Iyyu** (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the number of Malayalam Pandits and Sanskrit Pandits in the Government service (Education Department) belonging to the Christian sects other than Roman-Catholics?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): One.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): There is a slight mistake in the answer. Instead of 'One' it should be 'None'.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Were there not suitable applicants for these posts from the other sects of Christians?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): We do not keep a record of these applications which probably date back to years. If there were suitable applicants, I assure the House that they would have been selected.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Are these appointments made by the Staff Selection Board?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Now they are, since the institution of the Board.

COPYIST ESTABLISHMENT—ERNAKULAM MUNSIFF'S COURT.

50. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many clerks are allowed on the copyist establishment of Ernakulam Munsiff's Court;

(*b*) how many copyists are actually working there now;

(*c*) how long the post of a clerk has remained vacant in that office;

(*d*) are the Government aware of the difficulties experienced by litigant public because they could not get copies in time?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*):

(*a*) No. of copyists—3.

(*b*) 2.

(*c*) One copyist's post is vacant from 30th Mithunam

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(*d*) As there was no pressure of work in the copyist section at the time of vacancy, no substitute was appointed. The vacancy was reported to Government on 10th Kanni 1114 for being filled up by the Staff Selection Board and is pending appointment. Applications for urgent copies are readily complied with. No inconvenience is caused to litigant public.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): I am told that there were more than 1,000 copy papers accumulated for want of copyists.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): We have no information. The District Judge who is controlling the establishment says that there was no inconvenience. For the information of the House, I state that the post has been subsequently filled up.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): If there is no inconvenience, why should it be filled up?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): At the earlier stages, there was no pressure of work. Subsequently the pressure was felt and it was filled up.

PROMOTIONS—POLICE DEPARTMENT.

51. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the member for Police be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the principle and policy which is adopted for giving promotions to;

(*i*) Police constables;

(*ii*) Head constables;

(*b*) is there any difference of principle and policy adopted in giving promotions to the grades of service mentioned above in the Madras Police Service;

(*c*) if there is any difference of principle and policy adopted, will the member for Police be pleased to explain to this House the reasons for the change?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) The rules laid down in the general Standing Orders are followed.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No reply is necessary in view of answer to (*b*).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): As far as question (*b*) is concerned do not the Madras Government hold a competitive examination for the recruitment of Police Constables there.

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